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METHOD"

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S I R:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,805,711

AB United States Patent No. 4,812,965

AC United States Patent No. 4,442,501

AL French Patent 2,665,003

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EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The above references were cited in a Search Report rendered by the European Patent Office during examination of the European Application corresponding to the present United States application. For the English language references, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary. An English translation of reference AL is not readily available to the Applicants, however, an English language abstract is attached thereto.

The European Search Report also cited United States Patent No. 5,710,706, however that Patent has already been made of record (reference AA) in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on October 28, 1999.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a first Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

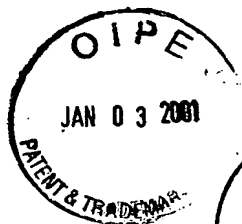
All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination, or in combination with any of the other previously submitted references. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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